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Local Boundary Commission  
Division of Community and Regional Affairs  
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
State of Alaska

Commissioners,

As a former Chairman and Commissioner of the Local Boundary Commission, a resident of the City of Fairbanks, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough, I write this letter in strong support of the City of Fairbanks Petition for Legislative Review Annexation of Approximately .05 square miles to the City of Fairbanks.

I have been a resident of Fairbanks for most of my life, and am president of Bettisworth North, an Architectural practice offering services statewide from offices in Fairbanks and Anchorage.

I support this petition for the following reasons:

1. The petition requests the annexation of a group of enclave lots located along Airport Way and the Chena River. A review of the map identifying this annexation, makes it clear that the City Boundaries have extremely gerrymandered to exclude these properties.
2. It is also clear that these properties enjoy the benefits of some of the City of Fairbanks services provided to adjacent lots; particularly street maintenance and repair, and City police protection services.
3. With respect to the Fred Meyer Subdivision, this subdivision is clearly an urbanized area, and fully capable of supporting the services it currently receives and will receive upon annexation.
4. The Legislative review process is specifically designed for situations such as this, where land owners object to additional taxation while enjoying the services a municipality provides to adjacent properties.

For these reasons I encourage the Commission to accept this Petition, and forward it to the Legislature for Consideration.

Sincerely,



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